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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS

1. SUMMARY: MAJOR STORIES IN PAST WEEK'S GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS CENTER ON FOLLOWING ITEMS: (A) ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR ANNIVERSARIES OF LAST YEAR'S COUP AND TURKISH INVASION; (B) USG ACTIVITIES RE RESUMPTION MILITARY SALES TO TURKEY; (C) PROSPECTS FOR VIENNA III. END SUMMARY.

2. ALL GREEK CYPRIOT PAPERS CALL FOR MASSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS TO MARK ANNIVERSARIES LAST YEAR'S COUP, TURKISH INVASION. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, PAPERS EMPHASIZE DEMONSTRATIONS SHOULD BE PEACEFUL. ONLY LYSSARIDES ANEXARTITOS EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT THAT MANIFESTATIONS WILL NOT BE MORE DYNAMIC.

3. PRESS COMMENTS RE US ARMS SALES TO TURKEY GIVEN RELATIVELY PROMINENT PLAY IN PRESS BUT INTEREST BEGAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SLACKENING AS ATTENTION FOCUSED ON ANNIVERSARY ACTIVI-

TIES AND AS DEFINITIVE COMPROMISE IN HOUSE DELAYED.
PRESS REVEALS SOME CONFUSION,
INTENTIONAL OR OTHERWISE, WHETHER THIS COMPROMISE MEANS
FURTHER US AID REPEAT AID TO TURKEY OR CONCERNS ONLY
US SALES TO TURKEY. COMMENT WITHOUT EXCEPTION HAS
BEEN CRITICAL BUT NOT REPEAT NOT HYSTERICAL SO FAR. REPRESENTATIVE HEADLINES ARE "DECEITFUL PLAN FOR THE IMMEDIATE
DISPATCH OF MILITARY MATERIALS TO TURKEY" (AGHON), PRESSURE
IS BEING EXERCISED ON CONGRESS" (TA NEA), "FORD GIVES
FIERCE BATTLE FOR TURKEY" (PHILELEFTHEROS), "DEMIREL IS
SATISFIED WITH FORD'S EFFORTS" (AGHON), AND "HEAVY
PRESSURES FROM CIA, THE PENTAGON, THE TURKS AND THE
ISRAELIS" (HARAVGHI).

5. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS STATES GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN VIENNA III NEGOTIATIONS BEGINNING JULY 24
REPEAT 24, BUT SEES LITTLE CHANCE FOR MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE ANTICIPATE TURK CYPRIOT STALLING AT
NEGOTIATIONS.

6. MAKARIOS' JULY 13 INTERVIEW WITH "IL TEMPO" REPORTED SEPARATELY.
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